

# Global Health Hot Topics: Zika virus



*Aedes albopictus* (Asian tiger mosquito)  
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Zika virus, a vector-borne disease (VBD), has emerged in South America as a major risk to fetal development, and the mosquito vectors, *Ae. aegyptii* and *Ae. albopictus*, are widespread.

CABI's **Global Health** Database has been gathering information on VBDs since 1912, and the February 2016 issue of our free e-newsletter **Global Health Knowledge Base** focuses on *Aedes* mosquitoes. CABI's **Global Health Archive** abstracts the discovery and pathogenic analysis of Zika virus, isolated from a forest monkey in Africa in 1947.

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## hot topics that matter

**Global Health** covers veterinary, environmental *and* public health sources to provide the complete picture on VBDs, vector to man, including information on:

- Vector spread by urbanization, trade & travel:** Zika outbreak in Brazil sustained by urban gutters, rainwater storage, flowerpots, discarded garbage and anything holding standing water.

Urbanization increases *Aedes albopictus* larval habitats and accelerates mosquito development and survivorship. PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases 2014

First interception of *Aedes* (*Stegomyia*) *albopictus* in Lucky bamboo shipments in Belgium. Journal of the European Mosquito Control Association, 2014.

Concurrent outbreaks of dengue, chikungunya and Zika virus infections – an unprecedented epidemic wave of mosquito-borne viruses in the Pacific 2012-2014. Eurosurveillance, 2014
- Zika virus outbreaks:** with the virus or vector already on their territory, both USA and Africa are worried.

Complete coding sequence of Zika virus from a French Polynesia outbreak in 2013. Genome Announcements, 2014

Potential of selected *Senegalese Aedes* spp. mosquitoes (Diptera: Culicidae) to transmit Zika virus. BMC Infectious Diseases, 2015

*Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* habitat preferences in South Texas, USA. Environmental Health Insights, 2014.
- Control of vector to prevent disease:** by insecticides, biological control, GM mosquitoes and public education. There is no vaccination.

Efficacy trials on mosquitoes with new monomolecular film. Proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Urban Pests, 2014

Odonate nymphs: generalist predators and their potential in the management of dengue mosquito, *Aedes aegypti* (Diptera: Culicidae). Canadian Journal of Public Health, 2015.

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